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SWITCHED RING AND NODE APPARATUS USED IN THE RING**

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RESPONSE

SIR:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

In response to the first Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows:

Any fee due with this paper may be
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